

Summary

NPS Winter Use Roving Team Meeting with Gallatin County, MT

Date: November 17, 2005

Location: Bozeman, Commissioners Conference Room

Present: Bill Murdock, Christina Thompson, John Sacklin, Mike Yochim, Denice Swanke

1) Purpose agency/group or NPS gave for wanting a visit at this time:

- share information about modeling scenarios
- answer questions about the planning process
- review project history as needed
- discuss cooperating agency needs

2) Results of this meeting and/or next steps:

Will continue the dialog and keep Gallatin County advised if a cooperating agency meeting is scheduled this winter to review the draft EIS.

3) Points raised:

- Discussion re: Gates' report
- Recognize the influence of 5 counties on current/temporary EA
- Clarification of non-commercial guiding vs. unguided
- The county would welcome planning efforts for summer use re: importance of utilizing services available in gateway communities rather than increasing services available in the park. This is a concern both in summer and winter.

4) Questions asked:

- Can the park increase entrance fees during the winter to cover perceived increase in operating costs?
- What are entrance fees spent on (locally or do the funds go to DC)?

5) Parting Comments

Glad we met -- helpful and clarifying on several issues.